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Handshake Partnership Program



Pine Flat Lake

USACE Partnership Workshop
APPL Conference - March 2009



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Handshake Partnership Program

- Incentive to use partnership authorities
- Encourage community engagement
- Promote mutually beneficial activities



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FY 2004 to FY 2009

- 73 recipients**
- \$550,000 in “seed money”**



Old Hickory Lake



San Francisco Bay Model



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Handshake Partnership Program Basics

- **Annual Program (FY)**
 - Application Announcement - July
 - Application Deadline – September
 - Recipients Announced - October
- **Application – MSWord Form**
 - Available on NRM Gateway Partnership Page
- **\$10,000 Max Award Per Recipient**
 - \$125,000 total program annually



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Handshake Partnership Program Basics

- **Challenge Partnership Agreement**
 - formerly known as Challenge Cost-Share Agreement
 - Reference Chapter 12, ER & EP 1130-2-500
- **Corps facilities and resources maintained at 100% Corps expense**
- **Agreement with a non-federal public or private entity**
- **Within authorities and in approved OMP**



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Handshake Partnership Program Basics

- **No required % for Partner's contribution**
- **Partner's contributions - cash, volunteer services/labor, materials, supplies**
 - Reference ER & EP 1130-2-500 Ch 11
- **Handshake funds can not be spent on Corps salaries**
- **Handshake Fund**
 - MIPR or FAD
 - 2 yr expiration



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Handshake Partnership Program Basics

- Handshake funds must be spent in accordance with FAR, DFAR and AFAR contracting laws and all other regulations.
- Can Not Give Handshake Funds to Partners
 - Corps does not have grant authority
- Corps Personnel Can Not:
 - Solicit funds.
 - Endorse products or services of partners
 - Give preferential treatment to partners.



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Application Evaluation Criteria

- Sustainability
- Partnership Value
- Recreational Benefit
- Environmental Stewardship Value
- Communication and Education Value
- Innovativeness



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Handshake Partnership Program What's New?

- **Gateway**
 - posted examples of applications, agreements, summary report
- **FY 2010 – changes being considered**
 - Increasing total amount of funding
 - Increasing funds per project
 - Tiered max funding amounts (25K, 10K)
 - **Incentive categories**
 - Newly formed friends group/cooperating assoc
 - Military/Veteran/Wounded Warrior
 - Children in Nature
 - Environmental Stewardship
 - Utilize Existing National MOU



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For More Information:

NRM Gateway Partnership Pages

<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/partnerhships.html>

Partnership Advisory Committee Members

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LRD - Vacant

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